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Sunday, July 5: “A Soceyological Look at Death”

Matthew Socey

Matthew Socey discusses his on-again, off-again, on-again history with The End. Mary Kinlen will be singing special music this Sunday.

Sunday, July 12: “Spiritual Oneness”

Colleen Kelly

What does spiritual oneness mean to a pluralistic religion like UUism? How is it played out in our lives and our community? Join us as we investigate what spiritual oneness means to UUs and others.

Sunday, July 19: “Ghostly Ruins”

Steve Peck

Why are so many people drawn to old abandoned buildings, homes, cars, and other lost artifacts or a different time? Are we just nosey voyeurs, or are we searching for some part of our soul’s forgotten past? What do we see when we look into the cracked, dingy mirror? The dreams of yesterday, or today’s decay? Let us search together for the ghosts in the ruins, and hopefully find the beauty of dreams awaiting.

Sunday, July 26: “Befriending the Future”

Barry Childs-Helton

In this sermon we will explore coming to terms with the uncertainties of the future, of expectations gone awry, and the unlooked-for gifts that can arrive while the future we anticipated (or dreaded) becomes the present we live in.

Sunday, August 2: “The ABC's of GLBTQSAQTAU2IPO+”

Jenni White

Jenni White will discuss the "alphabet soup" that keeps growing and growing with regard to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender community and how we, as UUs, need to be mindful and supportive of this ever-evolving culture, particularly as we are a Welcoming Congregation.



Services start at 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.
Church of the Warm Heart, Open Mind and Helping Hands



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Did You Know?

Back issues of the UU *Eye* are available on the UUI website in the Archives section at uui.org/news.html.

Missing Ink Stamp

The UUI ink stamp, which contained the church's business name and complete mailing address, has disappeared from the Cottage. This ink stamp was used on important documents such as rental receipts and music pieces to verify that a document actually came from the church or is UUI's property. If you know its location, please send an email to office@uui.org.

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The UU Eye informs and sustains UUI's congregational life. It connects members and friends to our varied church activities, including worship, religious education, the arts and community actions. It presents information of consequence and interest to the congregation and also reflects and fosters our purpose as a congregation and as Unitarian Universalists.

Eye Deadlines and Submissions

The *Eye* welcomes your submissions about congregational life and programs. **The next deadline is 8 p.m. Friday, July 31.** Submit material by e-mail to uueye@uui.org.

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UUI is a Welcoming Congregation and a Certified Green Sanctuary under guidelines of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

In the Meantime

Dianna Davis, Interim Music Director

At the Greater Good Gathering I attended a few weeks ago, we were asked to interview someone in our focus group that seemed like they were very different from us. I ended up with a woman I had never seen before, but little did I know how much in common we had. My interview partner was none other than Dotty Huffman, long time musician at All Souls UU. I sat there thinking that it was a shame that I hadn't known who she was, but excited that I was going to talk to someone that had been doing UU music for many years. Even though our tastes in choral music might be a little different....we had so much more in common!!

After the interview session, our music and arts focus group started an amazing brainstorming session where we came up with so many wonderful ideas on how all our UU churches can work together to do outreach, education, better communication, and most of all...have fun together!! Even though we had to choose only 3 ideas to present to everyone, many were in agreement that we should pursue the other great ideas that were suggested. From UU street festivals to a secular gospel choir, many of these ideas are possibilities to build more connections between our UU churches and revive our artistic spirits!! These connections with other UUs are continuing - we've already had our first meeting of the UU arts salon where members from multiple UU churches shared their artistic endeavors with each other.

Even before the Greater Good connections event I could see that by combining our UU resources together we can make a huge positive impact on our community. Make sure to keep an eye out for future projects that you can participate in. My hope is that projects in the arts community like outreach to under-served communities, musician exchanges and collaborations can become multi-church projects that can be sustained not just by a few people at one church, but lifted and carried out by UUs that don't even know each other yet.

Ed. Note: Rev. Child's column will return in the September issue of the Eye.



New Interim Director of Religious Education

“How can you do new math with an old math mind?”- Peanuts’ Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown sure knows how to speak the truth so many thanks to Charlie for always pointing out the obvious and thanks to the entire UUI congregation for helping the UUI Religious Education program transition into the future. We are extremely pleased to announce that Reverend Eva Ceskava will begin serving as UUI’s two year interim Director of Religious Education on Sunday, August 2. Thank you to everyone at UUI for showing your support of our Religious Education program and enabling us to bring Eva to our community! Eva’s many years of experience in the field of religious education, her creativity, and her intelligence will be a major asset to our community and will help us as we work toward achieving our vision. We will be hosting a welcoming open house for Eva on Sunday, August 2 in the Social Hall following the service. More details about the open house will follow.



Rev. Barbara Child and Rev. Eva Ceskava at General Assembly in June

Ministers on Call This Summer

Rev. Barbara Child will be away June 15-August 18. Ministers on call in case of pastoral emergency will be:

- Rev. Julia Aegerter (519-4544)
- Rev. Loring Prosser (271-3361)
- Rev. Susan Weickum (690-2200)

Rev. Prosser will be unavailable until July 22, and Rev. Weickum will be unavailable July 3-12. President Eric Hinkle will be able to reach Rev. Child throughout the summer.



Facilities Task Force

The Strategic Planning Committee has chartered a task force to study our buildings and grounds.

The purposes of the Facilities Task Force are to:

- Identify long-term, short-term and immediate priorities for repair, maintenance and upgrading of UUI facilities and grounds—based on input from relevant church committees and other users of the property
- Provide a financial needs assessment of what will be required to accomplish identified priorities
- Build a plan to implement these priorities, including proposals for how a Building and Grounds Committee should be structured in the future as well as how to meet essential paid and volunteer staffing needs.

If you would like to be involved in this effort, or you have ideas or concerns you wish to convey to the task force, contact Ray Wilson, rwwilson@iquest.net.

The task force's first meeting will be 7 pm, July 7 in the Cottage.

30th Anniversary Celebration

A dinner and entertainment to celebrate UUI's 30th Anniversary is being planned for October 3, 2009. More details to come, but be sure to mark your calendar now.

Kim Beck

Welcome to Our Visitors

Attending on June 7

Eleanor Broaded
Clare Burns
Ed Davis
Jaya Mehta & Sunand Bhettacharye
Phil & Jennifer Midkiff
Frank Nye
Dusty & Mark Rademacher
Stacy Wasson

Attending on June 14

Molly Essington
Erin Fiandt

Attending on June 21

Melanie Hayes

By the Numbers: June 2009

Pledge Income for the Month \$12,600
Pledge Income Year to Date \$225,407
Pledges made to UUI to Date \$241,184
Pledge Income in UUI's 2008-09 Budget \$250,000
Number of active pledges 193
Average Sunday Adults: 116
Average Sunday Children/Youth: 24



Creative Arts



UU Arts Salon

Come one come all to the UU Arts Salon!!! This intimate gathering of people from all the arts will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 7 - 8:30pm. Come and share musical performances, writings, philosophy ideas, arts, crafts, theatre - anything that will fit in a small venue. These offerings can be original works or things you want to share. There will be an opportunity for discussion and of course food and drink! Questions? Want to be on the e-mail list that announces where it will be? Contact Dianna Davis, Dianna.Davis@gmail.com or (317) 259-7443

The UU Arts Salon is looking to find different spaces to host the salon. We are looking for people to host at their home who have a piano and a space large enough for people to gather. If you are interested, please contact Dianna!!

Art on the Walls

Visual artists from the Indianapolis Women's Chorus have taken inspiration from the songs that were performed in their June concert, "Solar Flair," and have created original works based each song. Becky Kincaid, Doreen Lowery, Anne Murphy, Rexene Lane, Stephanie Lewis Robertson, Chris Stanton and Lia Treffman each have two pieces hanging in this exhibit. Because UUI is their rehearsal home, the visual artists are thrilled to have the opportunity to display their work at UUI for the enjoyment of the church community. In addition, the UUI Photo Club, as one of their monthly assignments, altered a picture submitted by Lynne Arrowsmith in creative ways. These photos are also on display. The show continues through Sunday, July 12, when the INfiber group show goes up.

UUI Hosts Concerts by Well-Known UU Musicians

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis (UUI) is excited to announce we will be hosting two great fundraising concerts coming up in August by UU musicians!!!

August 1, 7 pm (\$10/\$5 students)

Emily Pinkerton: an ethnomusicologist whose music spans Appalachia to the Andes. Born and raised in Valparaiso, Indiana, her musical education carried her to Valparaíso, Chile, inspiring a decade of immersion in Latin American music. Her latest release weaves these two worlds together in a vibrant, transcontinental tapestry.

August 14, 7pm (\$10 in advance/\$12 at the door)

Jim Scott: a well-known UU activist/artist whose music covers ecology, justice, and peace. Jim's songs, poetry and short stories address universal issues with insight and gentle wit. As a UU, he created "The Earth and Spirit Songbook," a collection of over 100 songs of earth and peace by many contemporary composers, and helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program.

Religious Education

July 5th Picnic - Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Memorial Day weekend picnic on Sunday, May 24. It was such a successful community builder that we decided to host another community-wide picnic on Sunday, July 5. We'll put out the sprinklers and serve up some popsicles. Please plan to bring your swimsuit and towel (if you plan to get wet), a picnic lunch for yourself/family, and a chair/blanket to church on Sunday. Then, meet near the playground after service to enjoy our beautiful grounds and wonderful community. In addition to having fun, you can take home some extra green (I'm not just talking about grass stains) by participating in the first ever UUI 50/50 raffle.

Summer Religious Education – Thankfully many experienced teachers are scheduled to teach this summer but we still need several people to serve as assistants. This is the perfect opportunity for **anyone** who is curious or interested in the R.E. program to learn about what we do while helping out (even if you're only available one day during the summer). Just contact R.E. Administrator Matthew Brooks or any R.E. Associate (at the R.E. table in the Social Hall) if you are interested.

The Summer Religious Education classes will be organized as follows:

Preschool thru PreK – Leo Leoni curriculum

Kindergarten thru Second grade – In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program curriculum

Third thru Sixth grade – In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program curriculum

*Students will remain in their current R.E. grade level until the fall program begins.

Stacy Robinson

Circles of Life

Congratulations

Dr. Janet Rutledge, daughter of former UUI President Vi Rutledge, has been named to the position of Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Share your Milestones

The *UU Eye* wants to publish your important life events. Please submit milestone birthdays and anniversaries, birth and death announcements, and other significant passages in your life to uueye@uui.org.

Community Action

UUs Stand on the Side of Love at Indy Pride Parade

The UU participation in the Indianapolis Pride Parade and Festival was absolutely amazing this year! We estimate 80 people marched with us!

Many, many thanks to the following people for making this such a wonderful success (and apologies if I've left anyone out)!

Colin Murphy for designing and building the float; John Russell for renting the trailer and building the float; Pete Wegner of the Heartland UU Church for building the float; Bob Hopp for picking up the trailer and pulling the float in the parade; Donna Jacobsen for working on advertising; Reverend Child for submitting a letter to the editor of the Indianapolis Star; Wendy Dougherty for designing a wonderful sign for our booth and Claudia Brooks for doing the artwork; Stacy Robinson for coming up with awesome give aways for our booth (ordering funny and informative magnets and organizing a group to make chalice-shaped dog biscuits). Susan Pratt for making 72 very cool rainbow sashes for our marchers to wear (and we ran out!!); Matthew and Theresa Brooks for organizing our stroller brigade; Claudia Brooks and Sarah Murphy for organizing youth participation; Dianna Davis for organizing music for the parade and to perform at the booth; Robin Riebsomer for volunteering to perform at the booth; Sandra Gruber for keeping tabs on the instruments marchers used during the parade; Becky Elliott of the Heartland UU Church, Jack Brennan, Matt Bassett and Pam Blevins-Hinkle for security detail during the parade (and also thanks to Pam for loaning us instruments for the parade); Anita Saunders for organizing volunteers to staff the booth; Jan Eason for organizing marchers for the parade; Ray and Cindy Wilson for the use of their canopy for the booth and also for arriving early to sign our group in and set up the booth space; Jamie Hinson-Rieger for purchasing paint for the float; and all the wonderful people who donated their time to paint the float and make the dog biscuits.

Susanne Hinson-Rieger





Standby Power Costs You Money

Are you wasting 10% of the electrical power you're paying for? A surprisingly large number of electrical products—TVs to microwave ovens to air conditioners—cannot be switched off completely without being unplugged. These products draw power 24 hours a day, often without the knowledge of the consumer. This power is called "standby power."

There are only a few ways to cut standby power use without leading to inconvenience. The first challenge is to identify products that draw standby power. Some examples are products with: A remote control...an external power supply...a digital display...an LED status light, or digital clock...a battery charger...or has a soft-touch key-pad.

A product with one or more of these features will have standby power use; however, other products won't have any of these and may still have standby. The only way to be certain is to measure them with a meter. A quick survey of most homes will reveal at least twenty devices having one of these features. Here's how to cut standby:

- Unplug products that are rarely used, such as a television and VCR in a guest room
- Use a power strip with a switch to control clusters of products, such as computer clusters (PC, display, printer, scanner, speakers, wireless transmitter, etc.)
- Buy low-standby products. Most Energy Star endorsed products have lower standby.

An aggressive campaign, armed with knowledge about which products draw standby, can cut total standby by as much as a third.

Small Groups

The **Board Games** group resumes on Sunday, August 2, from 6 to 9 P.M. in the Commons. Bring a game or two, a snack, and your own beverage, plate and cup. Contact Wendy Dougherty at Wdougherty@indy.rr.com.

BULBS (Birthday Unitarian Lunch Bunch) meets 1st Mondays. Pat Lawler, 329-2779 or patricialawler2@comcast.net.

Credo Forum meets 1st Sundays at 9:15 am in the Cottage Library to discuss topics related to Unitarian Universalism. For more information please visit <http://uuicredo.blogspot.com>.

CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans) meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 pm in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. Contact Colleen Kelly, wooglet@gmail.com or Robin Chestek, 280-1354.

UII Drum Circle meets at noon on July 19 in the Sanctuary. Drum one, drum all—no experience necessary. Contact Robin Chestek, kchestek@earthlink.net or Sandra Gruber, sgruber@mw.net.

UII Knitting Group Meets 2nd Saturdays at 10 am and 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Cottage Library. Contact Judy Archer, 253-9770 or jisarcher@aol.com.

The **UII Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on Wednesday, July 15th, beginning at 7:30 a.m., at the Keystone Deli, 2344 E. 53rd St. Contact Bob Kirk, rkirk1937@aol.com, for information and/or to have your name added to the email list.

UII Photo Club meets 2nd Mondays at 7 pm in the Cottage Library. Contact Wendy Dougherty for the next topic. Wdougherty@indy.rr.com.

UII Women are invited to meet for dinner on Wednesday, July 1 at 6 pm at Nasisa Restaurant on Virginia Ave. in Fountain Square. Contact Susan Beauchamp, 634-2448 or beauartnow@yahoo.com.

Happenings in July & August

SUN 05	MON 06	TUE 07	WED 08	THU 09	FRI 10	SAT 11	
		Facilities Task Force Cottage 7pm		CUUPS Sanctuary 7pm			
12	Photo Club Cottage 7pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
		UUI Board Meeting Cottage 7pm	Denominational Affairs 7pm	Guitar Circle 7pm	Endowment Cottage 7pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Drumming Circle Sanctuary 12pm				CUUPS Sanctuary 7pm			
26	27	28	29	30	31	01	
		UUI Knitters Cottage 7pm	Guitar Circle RE Wisdom Rm. 7pm			Music Committee Sanctuary 5pm	
02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
Open House for Interim DRE Social Hall 11:45am							

Do you have a big event coming up? Aside from announcing it in the E-Newsletter and the Sunday Times, you may also announce it on UUI's web site at <http://uui.org/events.html>. If you would like your event to appear on this page, send a brief description, no more than one paragraph, to office@uui.org. Updates take place on Mondays.

If you have an event where people are to RSVP to the office, please notify Vanessa Fry in advance at office@uui.org.

UU Connections

New UUA President

Rev. Peter Morales, senior minister of Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO, was elected to be the eighth president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations at its General Assembly in June. Rev. Morales received 2061 votes compared to 1481 votes for his opponent, Rev. Laurel Hallman, who many observers considered to be the front-runner entering GA. Rev. Morales ran on a platform of making Unitarian Universalism “the religion of our time” by focusing our energies on “growth of our movement, prophetic social action, and the creation of a new ministry for a new century.” Rev Morales becomes the first Latino leader of the UUA. He succeeds Rev. William G. Sinkford who has served two four-year terms as President of the UUA.



Ken Chestek carries UUI banner at General Assembly in Salt Lake City

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